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SUBJECT: 1975 SINO-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT

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1. DURING CALL AT USLO MARCH 7, THE SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN PEKING, Y.N. ARCHANGELSKY, SAID FINAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE 1975 ANNUAL SINO-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK IN MOSCOW FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF A PRC TRADE DELEGATION. ARCHANGELSKY DEPARTS FOR MOSCOW THIS WEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE TALKS.

2. ARCHANGELSKY SAID THE CHINESE HAVE SHOWN NO INTEREST IN INCREASED TRADE IN 1975 AND HE EXPECTS BOTH THE OVERALL LEVEL AND COMMODITY COMPOSITION TO BE VERY SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR. EXPORT  
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COMMODITY LISTS WERE EXCHANGED IN DECEMBER AND CONTRACTS FOR 29

MILLION RUBLES IN SOVIET EXPORTS AND 24 MILLION RUBLES IN IMPORTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONCLUDED. SINO-SOVIET ARRANGEMENTS NOW ALLOW FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF SPECIFIC CONTRACTS EVEN PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF THE OVERALL ANNUAL AGREEMENT. UNLIKE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH SIGN ALL CONTRACTS IN PEKING, SOVIET EXPORT CONTRACTS ARE SIGNED IN MOSCOW AND CHINESE EXPORTS CONTRACTS IN PEKING.

3. ARCHANGELSKY SAID FINAL FIGURES FOR 1974 ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT HIS OFFICE ESTIMATES THAT TOTAL TRADE REACHED 212.7 MILLION RUBLES, COMPARED WITH 201 MILLION RUBLES IN 1973 AND 210 MILLION RUBLES IN 1972 (REFTEL). SOVIET EXPORTS IN 1974 TOTALED 107.2 MILLION RUBLES AND EXPORTS WERE 105.5 MILLION RUBLES. OF SPECIAL INTEREST WERE SOVIET AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES VALUED AT 33.6 MILLION RUBLES, INCLUDING 17-AN-24RV'S, 16 AN-26'S AND 12 MI-8 HELICOPTERS (4 OF WHICH HAD BEEN ORDERED FOR DELIVERY IN 1973). ALSO INCLUDED WERE TWO 200 MGW STEAM TURBINE SETS (GENERATOR, TURBINE, BOILER) VALUED AT 10.9 MILLION RUBLES.

4. ARCHANGELSKY PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY COMMODITY BREAKDOWN FOR 1974 PREPARED BY HIS OFFICE WHICH WE WILL FORWARD BY AIRGRAM.  
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